

**Safety Committee  
November 9, 2009  
5:00 PM**

**Minutes**

**Call to Order:** Mrs. Mershon called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call:** Present for the meeting today was Mrs. Mershon and Dr. Bender. Also in attendance were Mayor Ebert, Carrie Hoover (Community Affairs), Chris Strayer (Development) and Matt Peoples (Public Works). Sgt. Kern joined a few minutes later.

Mrs. Turner was out ill for this meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Bender moved to approve the minutes of the October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting; seconded by Mrs. Mershon.

<b>VOTES</b>	<b>AYES</b>	Mrs. Mershon, Dr. Bender
	<b>NAYS</b>	
		Motion carried

**Pended Items:**

**09-15          Dietz & Thrush Multi Way Stop Sign Analysis**

Mr. Steve Jacklin, of 6475 Dietz Drive, applauded the Fairfield County Sheriff's Department for their duties in the Village of Canal Winchester. He lives at the intersection of Dietz and Thrush. He believes that the curve of the road presents an issue with safety when cars are speeding in the area. There are times when cars are parked along the side of the road making it even more hazardous. Thrush Drive is getting busier now that it has been redone and there are occasionally pedestrians crossing there. Some recommendations are a camera to catch speeders, or radars but he would prefer a 3-way stop sign at the intersection.

Mrs. Mershon asked about accidents at the intersection. Mr. Jacklin stated that he has had two mailboxes wiped out and there was an accident there with a truck earlier in the year.

Mrs. Mershon also noted that there is difficulty with pedestrians crossing the street from the south side to the north side of Dietz because you can't see oncoming cars until you are out in the middle of the street. Mr. Jacklin did add that there is increased foot traffic now because of Westchester Park and the bike path.

Mr. Peoples stated that they did a traffic study and will present some solutions. Sgt. Kern explained that the speed sensors were out and the results were in a power point presentation that is attached. It showed that there are approx. 2700 cars a day and that the median speed was 28.8 mph. It did not show a significant speeding problem at that intersection.

Mr. Peoples stated that they have investigated the application of a stop sign in this and they have to follow the rules in the Ohio manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. That gives them a guideline of what they can do and when they can apply a stop sign to the area. See attached. The results do not warrant a stop sign according to the guidelines.

Mr. Strayer went on to present some traffic calming suggestions that would change the environment of the driving in the area. Examples are curb extensions, refuge islands, modified intersections, raised intersections and roundabouts. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Peoples will investigate prices and products and come back at a later time with further information and recommendations.

**New Items for Discussion:**

**09-16                      Request to reduce speed limit on Amanda Northern Road in the Village.**

Mr. Peoples stated that this was just annexed this summer as part of the Thornton-Snider annexation. Currently it is a non-posted speed, which is 55 mph by default. They are requesting that it be lowered to 45 mph. Mr. Peoples stated that they do have the ability to go in without a speed study and lower it 10 mph. Sgt. Kern agreed that it was needed in that area.

Dr. Bender moved to take this to full council and will sponsor the legislation. Mrs. Mershon seconded the motion.

**VOTES                      AYES                      Mrs. Mershon, Dr. Bender**  
**NAYS**  
**Motion carried**

**09-17                      Establish Canal Pointe Nature Preserve  
                                    -Survey and Lot Split**

Mr. Peoples presented the area on a power point presentation. See page 4 of attached. It consists of 53 acres by Dove Parkway and 33. It has a natural peat bog and woodland area. Robinette Way comes in and the gas line creates a barrier. They would like to create a passive park in that area with trails and access to the pond. Further explanation and discussion ensued. They will do the lot split and bring it back at the time of naming.

**Fairfield County Sheriff's Report:**

Sgt. Kern had no report.

**Community Affairs Report:**

Ms. Hoover stated that the Village is up and running on Twitter and should be live on Facebook by Thursday. Mrs. Mershon stated that the Veteran's display looks very nice.

**Old/New Business:**

None at this time.

**Adjournment**

Dr. Bender moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mrs. Mershon.

**VOTES**      **AYES**      Mrs. Mershon, Dr. Bender

**NAYS**

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm